

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kazuhiro ASADA Group Art Unit: 2874

Application No.: 09/944,195 Examiner: K. S. Wood

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For: OPTICAL FIBER GUIDE DEVICE

AMENDMENT SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the March 21, 2003 Final Office Action, and further to the April 22, 2003 personal interview between Applicant's representative and Examiners Wood and Healy, and in substitution to the June 18, 2003 Amendment After Final Rejection, and in view of the attached Request for Continued Examination in reply to the July 30, 2003 Advisory Action, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application with sections as follows:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks.